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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE KIEV GARAGE: THE "PRESENT" GARAGE WAS TORN DOWN
(OR FELL DOWN) SOME MONTHS AGO. WHILE A GARAGE AT GORKY
STREET IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE, IT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.
THE GARAGE AT THE CONSULATE BUILDING WILL BE USED FOR
WASHING
AND REPAIRING CARS. HEATING IS NOT PROVIDED IN
SOVIET GARAGES. UPPK'S POSITION IS THAT IN PROJECT
PROPOSAL (2-11-77) SECTION 7 AND ITEM 15,
ATTACHEMENT 6, THE GARAGE WAS LISTED AS A SEPARATE "ABOVE
SOVIET STANDARD ITEM," WHICH MUST BE PAID FOR BY US.
THE PROJECT PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED BY US AND INCORPORATED
IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, THEREBY TAKING PRECEDENCE
OVER THE JUNE 1976 PROTOCLS. APPARENTLY NO ONE IN KIEV,
MOSCOE OR THE DPEARTMENT NOTICED THAT ATTACHEMENT.
THE QUESTION BOILS DOWN TO, CAN THE AMORTIZATION OF THE COST
OF THE GARAGE (R12,000) OVER A FIVE-YEAR LEASE BE
CONSIDERED "RENT" UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S BUILDING REGULATIONS?

2. PARA FOUR OF MESSAGE ON STRELETSKAYA IS CLEARLY
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NON-STARTER. WE'VE ALREADY LOST MUCH TO MUCH TIME ON
IMPOSSIBLE PLOYS, AND DELAY IN RESOLVING DESIGN ISSUE
IS BECOMING AN INCREASING EMBARASSMENT. YOU MIGHT WANT
TO POINT OUT THAT, ONCE WE STOPPED ASKING FOR ADMIRALTY TOWER
IN LENINGRAD, THINGS WENT SMOOTHLY. WHY CAN'T WE HANDLE
KIEV LIKE WE DID LENINGRAD?
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